

# SPECIAL.

We have two Barrels of FINE  
OLD WHISKEY made in

Spring 1890.

If you want something Extra  
Fine for your Christmas Egg-  
Nogg don't fail to get some of  
these fine old Goods, call and  
leave your orders.

DUNN & DALY.

## EDUCATION IN THE NATION.

How many people in this coun-  
try have any well-defined idea of  
the number of pupils in this big  
nation who are annually receiving  
instruction in the elementary pub-  
lic and private school, or of the  
average amount of schooling for the  
individual per year? And yet these  
are matters of great interest. The  
recently published report of the  
United States commissioner of

education, the salient points of  
which are incorporated in the re-  
port of the secretary of the interior,  
shows that during the last scholas-  
tic year, the total number in at-  
tendance upon such schools as just  
mentioned, elementary public and  
private, was 15,455,426, or a little  
more than one-fifth entire popula-  
tion of the country. This number  
represented an increase over the  
preceding year of about 250,000.

The total amount of schooling per indi-  
vidual in the whole of the United States  
found to be about 200 days in the  
year, or nearly seven months. This  
instruction, it is estimated, is enj-  
oyed on an average for five years per  
individual. The fact at least  
demonstrates that the American  
people are not allowing their young  
to grow up in illiteracy. To give  
15,000,000 pupils over six months  
elementary schooling a year for a  
period of five years is a fact that is  
as encouraging as it is creditable to  
the big republic. This of course is  
in addition to the hundreds of  
thousands in the colleges and uni-  
versities and technical schools who  
are acquiring the higher education,  
which can now be had in America  
as easily as in the older countries  
of the world.

The next legislature will be ex-  
pected to settle the matter concern-  
ing the jurisdiction of Mayors in  
certain cases over which there now  
seems to be a divergence of opinion.  
The act covering this case should  
be couched in language so plain as  
to admit of no misinterpretation.

**The Spanish Oath.**  
In Austria a Christian witness is  
sworn before a crucifix between two  
lighted candles, and, holding up his  
right hand, says, "I swear by God, the  
Almighty and All Wise, that I will  
speak the pure and full truth, and noth-  
ing but the truth, in answer to anything  
I may be asked by the court."

Jewish witnesses, while using the  
same words, add to their solemnity by  
placing their hands on the page of a  
Bible on which is printed the third  
commandment.

A Belgian witness swears to be ver-  
acious in these words, "I will speak  
the truth, the whole truth, and nothing  
but the truth; so help me God and all the  
saints."

The Spanish oath is more elaborate.  
The witness, kneeling on his right knee,  
places his hand on the sacred book, and,  
being asked by the judge, "Will you  
swear to God and by these holy gospels  
to speak the truth to all you may be  
asked?" answers, "Yes, I swear."  
Thereupon the judge says, "Then, if  
thus you do God will reward you, and  
if not will require of you." In some  
parts of the country the ceremony is  
different. The witness forms a cross by  
placing the middle of his thumb on the  
middle of his forefinger, and, kissing  
his thumb—a practice which would  
probably be very familiar to some En-  
glish witnesses—exclaims, "By this cross  
I swear!"—Law Notes.

## The Ruling Passion.

A celebrated musical critic was re-  
cently married in church, and after the  
ceremony, as the wedding procession  
marched down the aisle, the organist  
played the wedding march from "Lo-  
hengrin." When near the door, the  
bridegroom stopped in the march and  
addressed the wondering assembly thus:  
"I know I am committing a breach  
of etiquette as well as propriety in do-  
ing this, but I am not to blame. It is  
my mental organization which has be-  
come inflexibly sensitive by reason of  
the critical nature of my duties."  
Then he drew from the pocket of his  
dress coat a well thumbed copy of the  
score of "Lohengrin." Opening it at

# OUR GREETING XMAS. BARGAINS.

OUR CHOICE SELECTIONS OF  
New Holiday Goods

Are now ready for the in-  
spection and approval of  
all who know a good thing  
when they see it. We have  
a choice line to select from,  
from the inexpensive, up-  
ward as high as you care  
to go, in all grades and at  
all prices that will please  
you. We want you to come  
in and see the BEST and  
CHEAPEST line in town.  
Toys, Books, Fancy China,  
Cut Glass and Novelties.

ONE CAR OF FIREWORKS MUS

Tyler Haswe<sup>es</sup>

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BE SOLD.

Children:

Write a letter to

SANTA CLAUS

er to

—And tell him What you Want.

Postoffice is at James & McDou

Drug Store. Take your Letters

and Mail them to him.

Mail there every Night.

Sure to get your Letter.

are there you will See

TY THINGS in Toys and Letter.

You ever saw Before.

Your Papas and Mamas Will  
Find Lots of Real Nice Things  
There Too, For Fine Presents.  
They are Invited to Come and  
See Them—JAMES & McD-  
GALD'S stock of Fine Chinas and  
other nice things for Gifts is the  
best in town.

YOURS TRULY,

JAMES & McD

McDOUGALD.

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AT MY HARDWARE STORE.

Pocket Knives from..... 5c Up.	Curling Tongs and Pinking Irons. School Buckets..... 5c.
Air Target Guns..... 90c.	All kinds of Lamps..... 20c Up.
Target Rifles..... \$2.50 Up.	Fancy Delicate Semi-porcelain Dinner Sets, these Sets are beautiful and would make an Elegant Christmas Present..... \$7.50 Up.
Single and Double Barrel Guns..... \$1.75 Up.	Fancy Wood and Coal Heating Stoves from..... \$2.50 Up.
Tea Scales for weighing cake. Fine guaranteed Scissors and Shears. Good Sewing Machines..... \$18.00.	Elegant line of Cooking Stoves, the old reliable Bocks; the famous Darling A—either would make a Xmas present out of sight.
China Tea Sets, per set..... \$2.50.	Fancy Baggy Whips..... 10c Up.
Silver Plated Rogers Spoons, Knives and Forks..... \$1.50 Up.	Boys Axes. Fancy Glassware.
Handsome Carving Sets..... \$1.50 Up.	Elegant White China Cups and Saucers, Bowls and Pitchers.
Fancy Cups and Saucers. Shaving Mugs. Fine guaranteed Razors and Straps. Chester Bread Knives. Family Cleavers. Butcher and Bread Knives. Knives and Forks.	Handsome Painted Water Sets. Iron Granite Slip Jars.

Come and look before the rush comes. If your husband or fellow is a farmer buy  
him an Oliver Steel or Chilled Plow—he can get there on 4 cent cotton basis. Hoping  
you a Merry and Happy Xmas and a prosperous New Year, I am yours for 1899,

J. ALLEN MYERS.

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